



**Department for Environmental Protection
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General Asbestos Licensing Information

The Division for Air Quality (DAQ) has two licensing programs – one associated with NESHAP (abatement contractor certifications) and the other with ASHARA (individual accreditations in five asbestos-related disciplines).

Under 401 KAR 58:040 (accessible at <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/TITLE401.htm>), we certify companies to do abatement work that is subject to NESHAP. This program focuses on the company's supervisors, who are required to do three things to get their company certified initially:

1. Attend and pass an EPA-approved Abatement Supervisor course and annual refreshers;
2. Attend a ½-day workshop put on monthly by DAQ in Frankfort to explain the asbestos regulations; and
3. Perform a “demonstration project” to show competency in setting up an abatement job.

DAQ inspects the “demonstration project” before any removal takes place, and if the setup demonstrates competence, DAQ writes an inspection report documenting the findings and recommending the issuance of the certificate to the company. The 8-½ x 11” certificate lists the supervisors who have satisfied the three requirements. Once a company is certified, it can add more supervisors to its certificate by putting them through the EPA-approved training and sending them to the ½-day workshop.

Under 401 KAR 58:005 (also accessible at the web site given above), we accredit individuals in the five main AHERA disciplines to do asbestos-related work inside schools and inside public/commercial buildings, per ASHARA. To become accredited, a person passes the EPA-approved training and sends us a copy of the current (not expired) diploma along with a completed application form and the accreditation fee (workers -- \$20 initial & \$10 renewal; all other disciplines -- \$100 initial & \$50 renewal). We then issue a wallet-sized accreditation card to this person.

You can get applications for certification and accreditation and other information about this division's asbestos programs at our web site http://www.air.ky.gov/pubinfo/asbestos/asb_dload.html.